

REMARKS

The Examiner's thoughtful attention to this application is sincerely appreciated.

Claim 1 (once amended) is now generic to original claims 5, 6 and 7, Claims 2-4 are cancelled and Claim 8 is now dependent on an allowable base claim, Claim 1 (once amended).

Accordingly, it is understood that the application is in condition for allowance.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In view of the foregoing amendments, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejections stated in the Office Action of October 3, 2003.

A request for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action of October 3, 2003 and a Petition to Revive, accompanied by the requisite fees, are submitted concurrently herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David G. Duckworth". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" being the most prominent.

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